

Old Testament

- 1Sa 15:1** And Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you king over his people Israel; now therefore listen to the words of the LORD.
- 1Sa 15:2** Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I have noted what Amalek did to Israel in opposing them on the way when they came up out of Egypt.
- 1Sa 15:3** Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."
- 1Sa 15:4** So Saul summoned the people and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand men of Judah.
- 1Sa 15:5** And Saul came to the city of Amalek and lay in wait in the valley.
- 1Sa 15:6** Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, depart; go down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the people of Israel when they came up out of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.
- 1Sa 15:7** And Saul defeated the Amalekites from Havilah as far as Shur, which is east of Egypt.
- 1Sa 15:8** And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword.
- 1Sa 15:9** But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. All that was despised and worthless they devoted to destruction.
- 1Sa 15:10** The word of the LORD came to Samuel:
- 1Sa 15:11** "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments." And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the LORD all night.
- 1Sa 15:12** And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning. And it was told Samuel, "Saul came to Carmel, and behold, he set up a monument for himself and turned and passed on and went down to Gilgal."
- 1Sa 15:13** And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD."
- 1Sa 15:14** And Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen that I hear?"
- 1Sa 15:15** Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God, and the rest we have devoted to destruction."
- 1Sa 15:16** Then Samuel said to Saul, "Stop! I will tell you what the LORD said to me this night." And he said to him, "Speak."
- 1Sa 15:17** And Samuel said, "Though you are little in your own eyes, are you not the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.
- 1Sa 15:18** And the LORD sent you on a mission and said, 'Go, devote to destruction the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.'
- 1Sa 15:19** Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD?"
- 1Sa 15:20** And Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the LORD. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction.
- 1Sa 15:21** But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal."

**1Sa 15:22** And Samuel said, "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

**1Sa 15:23** For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has also rejected you from being king."

**1Sa 15:24** Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

**1Sa 15:25** Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may worship the LORD."

**1Sa 15:26** And Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you. For you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

**1Sa 15:27** As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the skirt of his robe, and it tore.

**1Sa 15:28** And Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.

**1Sa 15:29** And also the Glory of Israel will not lie or have regret, for he is not a man, that he should have regret."

**1Sa 15:30** Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the LORD your God."

**1Sa 15:31** So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul bowed before the LORD.

**1Sa 15:32** Then Samuel said, "Bring here to me Agag the king of the Amalekites." And Agag came to him cheerfully. Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past."

**1Sa 15:33** And Samuel said, "As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women." And Samuel hacked Agag to pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

**1Sa 15:34** Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul.

**1Sa 15:35** And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

  

**1Sa 16:1** The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

**1Sa 16:2** And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"

**1Sa 16:3** And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you."

**1Sa 16:4** Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

**1Sa 16:5** And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

**1Sa 16:6** When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him."

**1Sa 16:7** But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

**1Sa 16:8** Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

**1Sa 16:9** Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

**1Sa 16:10** And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

1Sa 16:11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here."

1Sa 16:12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."

1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

1Sa 16:14 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him.

1Sa 16:15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you."

1Sa 16:16 Let our lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well."

1Sa 16:17 So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me a man who can play well and bring him to me."

1Sa 16:18 One of the young men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the LORD is with him."

1Sa 16:19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep."

1Sa 16:20 And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them by David his son to Saul.

1Sa 16:21 And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer.

1Sa 16:22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight."

1Sa 16:23 And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.

### New Testament

Luk 14:25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,

Luk 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Luk 14:27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Luk 14:28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

Luk 14:29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

Luk 14:30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

Luk 14:31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

Luk 14:32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

Luk 14:33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Luk 14:34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?

Luk 14:35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."